## CALIFORNIA HOME HEALTH AGENCIES STATEWIDE, 1993 - 1999

Source: Annual Utilization Reports of Home Health Agencies and Hospices, 1993-1999

#### NUMBER OF AGENCIES BY OWNERSHIP TYPE - LICENSED IN YEAR\*

|                                     | <u>1993</u> | <u> 1994</u> | <u> 1995</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u> 1997</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u> 1999</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Profit                              | 575         | 683          | 740          | 787         | 742          | 656         | 533          |
| Nonprofit                           | 249         | 268          | 312          | 321         | 291          | 262         | 234          |
| Government                          | 37          | 37           | 48           | 44          | 38           | 30          | 26           |
| Unknown/Non-responders              | 56          | 70           | 147          | 174         | 333          | 336         | 256          |
| TOTAL AGENCIES LICENSED DURING YEAR | 917         | 1,058        | 1,247        | 1,326       | 1,404        | 1,284       | 1,049        |

#### NUMBER OF AGENCIES BY OWNERSHIP TYPE - LICENSED ON 12/31\*

|                                      | <u>1993</u> | <u> 1994</u> | <u> 1995</u> | <u> 1996</u> | <u> 1997</u> | <u> 1998</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Profit                               | 566         | 657          | 705          | 786          | 728          | 584          | 493         |
| Nonprofit                            | 246         | 266          | 274          | 311          | 282          | 245          | 219         |
| Government                           | 37          | 37           | 42           | 44           | 35           | 28           | 25          |
| Unknown/Nonresponders                | 42          | 49           | 103          | 118          | 272          | 170          | 144         |
| TOTAL AGENCIES LICENSED AT YEARS END | 891         | 1,009        | 1,124        | 1,259        | 1,317        | 1,027        | 881         |

<sup>\*</sup>The number of licensed agencies is displayed by all agencies licensed at any time during the year and those agencies licensed at years end.

#### **UNDUPLICATED NUMBER OF PATIENTS BY OWNERSHIP TYPE**

|                | <u>1993</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u> 1995</u> | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Profit         | 213,671     | 261,391     | 240,154      | 249,961     | 268,470     | 307,731     | 226,233     |
| Nonprofit      | 290,980     | 314,741     | 345,429      | 370,137     | 342,464     | 334,544     | 320,400     |
| Government     | 38,630      | 45,415      | 40,484       | 36,731      | 31,599      | 24,860      | 27,395      |
| TOTAL PATIENTS | 543,281     | 621,547     | 626,067      | 656,829     | 642,533     | 667,135     | 574,028     |

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### HOME HEALTH VISITS BY PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS FOR PROFIT - FOR PROFIT AGENCIES

|   | 1993      | 1994      | 1995      | 1996      | 1997      | 1998      | 1999      |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Infectious and parasitic diseases (exclude AIDS)                | 75,615    | 102,287   | 94,827    | 98,789    | 79,606    | 70,957    | 57,657    |
| HIV infections (AIDS, ARC)                                      | 82,073    | 84,116    | 79,700    | 51,615    | 29,165    | 16,852    | 9,903     |
| Malignant neoplasms: Lungs                                      | 46,875    | 56,559    | 48,115    | 52,122    | 39,051    | 29,939    | 23,844    |
| Malignant neoplasms: Breast                                     | 42,333    | 37,125    | 36,487    | 35,765    | 30,607    | 25,151    | 20,767    |
| Malignant neoplasms: Bowels                                     | 76,895    | 79,018    | 85,998    | 66,531    | 54,189    | 40,487    | 24,857    |
| Malignant neoplasms: All Others                                 | 178,406   | 183,005   | 250,765   | 196,426   | 162,315   | 126,330   | 104,038   |
| Non-malignant neoplasms: All sites                              | 23,025    | 20,389    | 24,872    | 23,988    | 44,691    | 24,607    | 27,925    |
| Diabetes mellitus   | 656,322   | 971,380   | 1,285,281 | 1,477,944 | 1,566,544 | 1,136,457 | 858,423   |
| Endocrine, metabolic, and nutritional diseases, immunity disorc | 89,653    | 129,379   | 135,335   | 139,563   | 169,803   | 110,436   | 97,402    |
| Diseases of blood and blood forming organs                      | 65,513    | 90,525    | 124,857   | 115,461   | 121,853   | 69,345    | 57,462    |
| Mental conditions   | 59,328    | 156,135   | 200,044   | 222,956   | 155,343   | 91,709    | 58,205    |
| Alzheimer's disease   | 23,464    | 33,435    | 40,122    | 26,023    | 19,513    | 13,972    | 7,576     |
| Diseases of nervous system and sense organs                     | 185,636   | 236,177   | 383,292   | 272,648   | 272,031   | 177,567   | 138,875   |
| Diseases of cardiovascular system                               | 666,636   | 974,992   | 1,275,790 | 1,180,700 | 967,295   | 621,052   | 446,642   |
| Diseases of cerebrovascular system                              | 337,064   | 409,016   | 465,839   | 477,040   | 398,845   | 268,227   | 198,085   |
| Diseases of all other circulatory systems                       | 140,977   | 202,806   | 214,069   | 281,325   | 304,558   | 185,978   | 151,365   |
| Diseases of respiratory system                                  | 412,423   | 517,246   | 615,147   | 592,829   | 551,370   | 389,572   | 290,763   |
| Diseases of digestive system                                    | 203,782   | 237,326   | 283,124   | 246,404   | 227,938   | 160,279   | 120,926   |
| Diseases of genitourinary system                                | 173,166   | 215,263   | 253,770   | 263,040   | 257,141   | 164,945   | 119,982   |
| Diseases of breast  | 12,311    | 16,432    | 14,169    | 9,824     | 6,178     | 5,910     | 12,791    |
| Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium      | 24,464    | 29,173    | 28,142    | 22,279    | 28,179    | 21,249    | 18,963    |
| Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue                        | 436,110   | 594,639   | 743,503   | 718,991   | 714,741   | 535,307   | 436,463   |
| Diseases of musculoskeletal and connective tissue               | 408,301   | 574,799   | 694,206   | 631,231   | 630,555   | 450,132   | 344,786   |
| Congenital anomalies and perinatal conditions                   | 27,926    | 35,594    | 46,399    | 41,552    | 59,497    | 37,110    | 44,212    |
| Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions (Exclude HIV posit  | 272,605   | 349,105   | 401,826   | 402,538   | 363,978   | 255,316   | 206,945   |
| Fractures (Exclude birth FX, pathological FX, malunion FX, nor  | 267,352   | 314,670   | 337,414   | 301,449   | 279,920   | 213,093   | 154,295   |
| All other injuries  | 214,046   | 299,025   | 381,842   | 370,900   | 419,513   | 350,916   | 304,995   |
| Poisonings and adverse effects of external causes               | 6,554     | 9,515     | 11,265    | 11,630    | 14,633    | 16,477    | 14,964    |
| Complications of surgery and medical care                       | 63,137    | 65,843    | 64,487    | 67,180    | 80,949    | 67,439    | 70,894    |
| Health services related to reproduction and development         | 23,053    | 16,594    | 7,937     | 13,944    | 20,277    | 23,270    | 11,390    |
| Infants born outside hospital                                   | 268       | 1,303     | 124       | 227       | 418       | 852       | 617       |
| Health hazards to communicable diseases                         | 3,133     | 3,292     | 6,787     | 5,964     | 6,978     | 5,568     | 3,728     |
| Other services for specific procedures and aftercare            | 52,214    | 108,042   | 71,897    | 78,621    | 83,443    | 90,120    | 79,014    |
| Visits for evaluation and assessments                           | 2,377     | NA        | 14,961    | 40,922    | 10,630    | 25,905    | 11,552    |
| TOTAL FOR PROFIT VISITS   | 5,353,037 | 7,154,205 | 8,722,393 | 8,538,421 | 6,217,222 | 5,822,526 | 4,530,306 |

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## HOME HEALTH VISITS BY PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS NON PROFIT - NON PROFIT AGENCIES

|   | 1993      | 1994      | 1995      | 1996      | 1997      | 1998      | 1999      |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Infectious and parasitic diseases (exclude AIDS)                | 81,930    | 90,983    | 82,049    | 109,347   | 72,919    | 65,995    | 62,086    |
| HIV infections (AIDS, ARC)                                      | 41,288    | 46,164    | 58,012    | 56,791    | 17,062    | 7,558     | 5,994     |
| Malignant neoplasms: Lungs                                      | 75,377    | 72,901    | 78,621    | 71,955    | 52,698    | 42,767    | 35,705    |
| Malignant neoplasms: Breast                                     | 61,665    | 60,099    | 60,234    | 55,944    | 44,445    | 36,318    | 27,293    |
| Malignant neoplasms: Bowels                                     | 101,344   | 111,720   | 104,370   | 87,919    | 56,120    | 43,319    | 41,440    |
| Malignant neoplasms: All others                                 | 240,361   | 228,186   | 232,350   | 245,891   | 220,452   | 165,962   | 144,787   |
| Non-malignant neoplasms: All sites                              | 13,415    | 27,468    | 22,676    | 32,190    | 21,771    | 17,453    | 18,199    |
| Diabetes mellitus   | 322,025   | 416,368   | 500,005   | 585,697   | 533,708   | 387,698   | 280,404   |
| Endocrine, metabolic, and nutritional diseases, immunity disorc | 75,275    | 96,313    | 104,383   | 104,767   | 96,644    | 73,869    | 95,105    |
| Diseases of blood and blood forming organs                      | 55,181    | 71,630    | 74,462    | 89,455    | 76,638    | 56,008    | 46,225    |
| Mental conditions   | 76,787    | 108,321   | 123,892   | 159,929   | 102,363   | 87,955    | 60,330    |
| Alzheimer's disease   | 16,187    | 23,824    | 26,165    | 21,906    | 9,969     | 8,979     | 8,128     |
| Diseases of nervous system and sense organs                     | 201,899   | 226,416   | 252,134   | 254,042   | 183,089   | 145,313   | 123,646   |
| Diseases of cardiovascular system                               | 651,473   | 766,261   | 871,471   | 938,091   | 695,097   | 540,072   | 451,032   |
| Diseases of cerebrovascular system                              | 438,510   | 467,387   | 498,202   | 486,693   | 394,843   | 302,088   | 270,967   |
| Diseases of all other circulatory systems                       | 155,355   | 189,166   | 232,867   | 226,176   | 197,027   | 151,869   | 133,760   |
| Diseases of respiratory system                                  | 455,244   | 529,323   | 551,600   | 603,334   | 453,519   | 398,409   | 336,910   |
| Diseases of digestive system                                    | 234,660   | 264,905   | 283,025   | 265,441   | 223,863   | 184,397   | 167,413   |
| Diseases of genitourinary system                                | 179,757   | 218,092   | 235,554   | 248,910   | 202,951   | 178,201   | 156,078   |
| Diseases of breast  | 31,891    | 14,499    | 14,326    | 6,550     | 6,766     | 6,417     | 9,870     |
| Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium      | 40,647    | 33,474    | 35,436    | 27,269    | 25,899    | 16,782    | 18,661    |
| Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue                    | 448,648   | 556,908   | 607,792   | 674,473   | 601,359   | 531,694   | 511,102   |
| Diseases of musculoskeletal and connective tissue               | 494,192   | 553,356   | 626,051   | 630,383   | 518,794   | 434,091   | 420,927   |
| Congenital anomalies and perinatal conditions                   | 47,578    | 43,782    | 53,850    | 50,056    | 34,466    | 38,087    | 35,513    |
| Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions (Exclude HIV posit  | 355,109   | 381,116   | 431,584   | 459,590   | 400,360   | 345,887   | 320,325   |
| Fractures (Exclude birth FX, pathological FX, malunion FX, nor  | 369,615   | 374,017   | 383,152   | 369,463   | 306,831   | 251,773   | 229,690   |
| All other injuries  | 259,589   | 287,003   | 419,136   | 450,985   | 403,722   | 382,780   | 341,343   |
| Poisonings and adverse effects of external causes               | 12,495    | 12,560    | 34,412    | 15,460    | 19,349    | 11,260    | 10,870    |
| Complications of surgery and medical care                       | 65,011    | 88,761    | 85,117    | 88,250    | 76,873    | 90,791    | 91,027    |
| Health services related to reproduction and development         | 30,442    | 23,179    | 29,954    | 49,441    | 49,531    | 40,543    | 36,605    |
| Infants born outside hospital                                   | 172       | 718       | 769       | 1,811     | 3,117     | 495       | 767       |
| Health hazards to communicable diseases                         | 6,519     | 9,381     | 9,532     | 11,616    | 12,092    | 7,966     | 2,540     |
| Other services for specific procedures and aftercare            | 80,256    | 106,457   | 122,160   | 91,023    | 92,691    | 88,308    | 76,724    |
| Visits for evaluation and assessments                           | 10,339    | NA        | 6,858     | 20,670    | 10,194    | 5,840     | 7,278     |
| TOTAL NON PROFIT VISITS   | 5,730,236 | 6,500,738 | 7,252,201 | 7,591,518 | 6,217,222 | 5,148,942 | 4,580,743 |

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### HOME HEALTH VISITS BY PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS GOVERNMENT - GOVERNMENT OWNED AGENCIES

|   | 1993    | 1994    | 1995    | 1996    | 1997    | <u>1998</u> | 1999    |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Infectious and parasitic diseases (exclude AIDS)                | 7,190   | 8,711   | 10,028  | 8,616   | 6,920   | 5,427       | 5,312   |
| HIV infections (AIDS, ARC)                                      | 4,188   | 4,941   | 4,948   | 2,217   | 2,168   | 3,332       | 2,115   |
| Malignant neoplasms: Lungs                                      | 9,110   | 9,324   | 12,223  | 9,265   | 5,544   | 3,818       | 5,794   |
| Malignant neoplasms: Breast                                     | 5,839   | 7,103   | 5,240   | 3,976   | 3,245   | 2,138       | 2,540   |
| Malignant neoplasms: Bowels                                     | 7,619   | 6,882   | 10,620  | 7,106   | 4,589   | 3,432       | 3,923   |
| Malignant neoplasms: All others                                 | 25,741  | 31,777  | 27,026  | 20,705  | 19,938  | 16,385      | 19,019  |
| Non-malignant neoplasms: All sites                              | 1,327   | 1,909   | 3,002   | 6,457   | 2,199   | 1,569       | 1,651   |
| Diabetes mellitus   | 29,996  | 37,454  | 43,526  | 39,581  | 35,901  | 37,042      | 28,810  |
| Endocrine, metabolic, and nutritional diseases, immunity disorc | 4,639   | 7,630   | 8,770   | 11,481  | 6,125   | 6,407       | 6,553   |
| Diseases of blood and blood forming organs                      | 4,891   | 7,323   | 5,301   | 6,113   | 5,186   | 4,255       | 4,663   |
| Mental conditions   | 4,189   | 6,961   | 8,615   | 6,575   | 4,540   | 3,633       | 3,342   |
| Alzheimer's disease   | 622     | 2,336   | 1,656   | 1,103   | 2,160   | 654         | 579     |
| Diseases of nervous system and sense organs                     | 19,014  | 25,813  | 26,703  | 23,862  | 22,726  | 13,507      | 12,790  |
| Diseases of cardiovascular system                               | 60,847  | 78,827  | 94,868  | 83,165  | 57,108  | 40,355      | 43,495  |
| Diseases of cerebrovascular system                              | 39,353  | 46,239  | 53,194  | 36,315  | 32,364  | 20,188      | 20,419  |
| Diseases of all other circulatory systems                       | 12,096  | 19,084  | 23,304  | 21,396  | 13,925  | 9,755       | 14,401  |
| Diseases of respiratory system                                  | 39,428  | 46,915  | 55,465  | 47,890  | 35,920  | 31,322      | 28,002  |
| Diseases of the digestive system                                | 21,872  | 24,279  | 27,328  | 22,937  | 21,167  | 14,441      | 16,580  |
| Diseases of genitourinary system                                | 19,090  | 23,288  | 21,996  | 21,370  | 17,332  | 14,856      | 13,429  |
| Diseases of breast  | 423     | 866     | 979     | 799     | 1,294   | 307         | 621     |
| Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium      | 3,823   | 3,720   | 4,388   | 4,972   | 1,980   | 1,485       | 1,036   |
| Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue                    | 42,182  | 53,871  | 59,203  | 60,377  | 58,613  | 44,668      | 47,049  |
| Diseases of musculoskeletal and connective tissue               | 33,499  | 44,661  | 57,909  | 51,482  | 43,708  | 31,029      | 31,948  |
| Congenital anomalies and perinatal conditions                   | 4,657   | 7,115   | 4,976   | 5,503   | 2,665   | 2,168       | 2,437   |
| Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions (Exclude HIV posit  | 27,762  | 34,629  | 39,355  | 44,861  | 33,573  | 23,533      | 30,103  |
| Fractures (Exclude birth FX, pathological FX, malunion FX, nor  | 30,763  | 37,467  | 38,946  | 30,345  | 27,380  | 19,515      | 24,934  |
| All other injuries  | 28,190  | 34,032  | 44,380  | 34,155  | 29,861  | 26,266      | 31,998  |
| Poisonings and adverse effects of external causes               | 1,507   | 1,185   | 710     | 514     | 484     | 592         | 750     |
| Complications of surgery and medical care                       | 6,292   | 10,447  | 10,436  | 9,404   | 8,964   | 10,751      | 9,536   |
| Health services related to reproduction and development         | 13,113  | 14,505  | 12,237  | 9,228   | 9,740   | 4,673       | 1,794   |
| Infants born outside hospital                                   | 6       | 465     | 1,180   | 139     | 11      | 20          | 27      |
| Health hazards to communicable diseases                         | 318     | 1,152   | 977     | 1,544   | 2,118   | 1,159       | 249     |
| Other services for specific procedures and aftercare            | 1,974   | 4,002   | 6,989   | 7,317   | 8,028   | 6,478       | 4,065   |
| Visits for evaluation and assessments                           | 560     | NA      | 813     | 3,495   | 757     | 456         | 935     |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT VISITS   | 512,120 | 644,913 | 727,291 | 644,265 | 528,233 | 405,616     | 420,899 |

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## **VISITS BY REIMBURSEMENT SOURCE**

| FOR PROFIT              | <u>1993</u> | 1994        | <u> 1995</u> | 1996        | 1997        | 1998        | 1999        |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Medicare                | 4,288,804   | 5,863,320   | 7,490,573    | 7,246,700   | 6,736,021   | 4,410,820   | 3,349,050   |
| Medi-Cal                | 183,244     | 186,033     | 170,556      | 181,575     | 223,661     | 206,031     | 210,920     |
| CHAMPUS                 | 8,985       | 8,128       | 9,421        | 5,217       | 12,808      | 11,211      | 15,948      |
| Insurance               | 778,934     | 417,955     | 399,998      | 480,017     | 419,169     | 404,274     | 342,222     |
| Self Pay                | 59,876      | 69,315      | 83,654       | 71,672      | 102,974     | 122,951     | 83,388      |
| HMO and PPO             | *           | 550,731     | 538,908      | 503,309     | 590,070     | 561,807     | 469,238     |
| No reimbursement        | 13,698      | 19,330      | 23,036       | 22,244      | 12,777      | 21,440      | 9,623       |
| Other ( including MSSP) | 19,570      | 39,393      | 24,577       | 27,687      | 72,711      | 41,593      | 49,444      |
| SUBTOTAL VISITS         | 5,353,111   | 7,154,205   | 8,740,723    | 8,538,421   | 8,170,191   | 5,780,127   | 4,529,833   |
| NON PROFIT              | <u>1993</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u>1995</u>  | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1999</u> |
| Medicare                | 4,576,694   | 5,270,716   | 5,562,842    | 5,868,664   | 4,628,019   | 3,612,527   | 3,084,309   |
| Medi-Cal                | 311,177     | 300,087     | 389,374      | 405,502     | 294,375     | 263,965     | 237,147     |
| CHAMPUS                 | 6,109       | 7,350       | 8,352        | 3,598       | 8,788       | 9,149       | 8,411       |
| Insurance               | 726,855     | 320,097     | 298,598      | 336,015     | 275,861     | 285,387     | 248,664     |
| Self Pay                | 41,274      | 34,225      | 52,147       | 62,658      | 35,130      | 30,271      | 30,886      |
| HMO and PPO             | *           | 530,725     | 876,854      | 757,654     | 896,357     | 851,303     | 888,495     |
| No reimbursement        | 19,493      | 15,693      | 27,537       | 35,163      | 32,887      | 18,511      | 21,111      |
| Other ( including MSSP) | 48,634      | 21,845      | 36,497       | 122,264     | 45,805      | 73,938      | 58,019      |
| SUBTOTAL VISITS         | 5,730,236   | 6,500,738   | 7,252,201    | 7,591,518   | 6,217,222   | 5,145,051   | 4,577,042   |
| GOVERNMENT              | <u>1993</u> | <u>1994</u> | <u>1995</u>  | <u>1996</u> | <u>1997</u> | <u>1998</u> | 1999        |
| Medicare                | 417,686     | 520,700     | 572,452      | 496,166     | 376,543     | 266,195     | 265,310     |
| Medi-Cal                | 42,704      | 53,806      | 57,677       | 58,008      | 53,069      | 45,236      | 35,404      |
| CHAMPUS                 | 797         | 632         | 547          | 213         | 358         | 1,376       | 340         |
| Insurance               | 42,644      | 32,462      | 44,199       | 30,493      | 31,462      | 31,872      | 53,625      |
| Self Pay                | 2,171       | 5,311       | 8,865        | 9,875       | 8,872       | 6,922       | 7,144       |
| HMO and PPO             | *           | 23,633      | 37,219       | 31,509      | 39,425      | 33,295      | 38,032      |
| No reimbursement        | 4,350       | 5,833       | 3,739        | 9,119       | 4,832       | 4,779       | 8,390       |
| Other ( including MSSP) | 1,768       | 2,536       | 2,593        | 8,882       | 13,672      | 15,941      | 12,654      |
| SUBTOTAL VISITS         | 512,120     | 644,913     | 727,291      | 644,265     | 528,233     | 405,616     | 420,899     |
| TOTAL VISITS            | 11,595,467  | 14,299,856  | 16,720,215   | 16,774,204  | 14,915,646  | 11,330,794  | 9,527,774   |

<sup>\*</sup> HMO and PPO visits not separately collected prior to 1994.

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**Definitions:** 

Principal Diagnosis Are reported based on ICD-9-CM codes as established for the federal Healthcare Finance Administration (HCFA).

Unduplicated Number Of Patients

The number of **patients** visited, **counted once**, regardless of the number of visits made during the year. This number also includes

patients visited that were carried-over from the previous year.

Unknown/Non Responders This category was added to account for all agencies in the tables displaying total agencies "on the data base" as compared with the

number of agencies "licensed at year end."

#### Notes:

Many hospice services began within licensed Home Health Agencies. Beginning in 1995, the separate licensure of freestanding Hospices began. Thus, licensed, freestanding hospices are not included in the Home Health Agency counts after 1994.